



VET AND THE WACE



WHAT IS VET?

Vocational Education and Training (VET) provides you with skills and knowledge to perform effectively in the workplace. A VET qualification prepares you for, or in some instances qualifies you to do, a specific job. VET can contribute directly to your career goals no matter what your destination is. It all counts in some way at different points in your career.

WHY WOULD I CHOOSE VET?

- VET offers many pathways towards your career and vocation aspirations
- VET is nationally recognised which means you can take it anywhere in Australia
- VET contributes significantly towards your Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE).

TRAINING PATHWAYS

A VET qualification provides you with essential skills which are transferable across multiple employment and education pathways. You will find information in the **post-secondary pathways** brochures.

VET AND THE WASSA

Completed qualifications recorded as part of your secondary studies are listed on the Western Australian Statement of Student Achievement (WASSA) along with individual units of competency achieved.

HOW DOES VET CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE WACE?

VET can contribute towards the WACE as **VET credit transfer** OR as a **VET industry specific course** which combines a VET qualification with industry relevant workplace learning.

Visit <http://senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/vet/how-vet-contributes-towards-wace>

VET completed as a VET industry specific course gains course unit credit plus unit equivalence for the endorsed program ADWPL. Visit <http://senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/vet/vet-industry-specific>

USI AND THE WACE

For VET to contribute towards the WACE you need to have been issued with a Unique Student Identifier (USI) and have it added to your student record. Speak to your school's VET coordinator or visit <https://www.usi.gov.au>.

WHAT IS A TRAINING PACKAGE?

A training package is a set of nationally endorsed standards and qualifications for recognising and assessing skills and knowledge in a specific industry, job sector or enterprise.

WHAT IS AN ACCREDITED COURSE?

An accredited course is one that is developed to meet training needs not addressed by existing training packages. See the VET infographic at <http://senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/vet/all-about-vet>.

DO ACCREDITED COURSES CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE WACE?

In many cases accredited courses provide the same credit towards the WACE as training package qualifications.

Download the *Accredited Course Recognition Status List* <http://senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/vet/wace-recognition-of-vet-accredited-courses>.

WHAT IF I DON'T GET MY WACE?

VET that is achieved once you are no longer at school may be used towards meeting WACE requirements. Visit <http://senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/certification/wace-after-year-12>.

VET AWARDS

The School Curriculum and Standards Authority recognises student excellence in VET through the annual VET Awards for students who have completed a combination of VET and workplace learning by the end of Year 12. Visit <http://senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/certification/exhibitions-and-awards> *Awards for Outstanding Achievement in VET*.